

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on August 17, 2010.

Claims 7 and 15-41 are currently pending in this application, with claims 7, 15, 22, 26 and 35 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim rejection – 35 U.S.C. §102

i. Paragraph 3 of the Office Action indicates a rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,377,518 (Auwens).

A. Claims 1-6 and 8-14 have been canceled.

While not conceding the propriety of the claim rejections and in order to advance the prosecution of the instant application, claims 1-6 and 8-14 have been canceled.

B. No amendment to claim 7 is present herein.

If the allowance of claim 7 is not forthcoming at the very least and a new grounds of rejection is made at least against that claim, then a **new non-final Office Action** is respectfully requested at least for the reasons provided hereinbelow.

Claim 7 is drawn to an image-information display device, comprising:

attribute obtaining means for obtaining, with respect to image data identified with predetermined image data units and an image data unit group including the image data units, attributes of image information for the image data from image information data in which the image information is recorded on a storage medium for each image data unit;

condition inputting means for prompting input of a search condition regarding an attribute of the image information and receiving the input;

condition searching means for searching the attributes of the image information in accordance with the input search condition;

representative-image obtaining means for obtaining representative images of the image data for the respective image data units from the image information data in accordance with a result of the searching performed by the condition searching means; and

displaying means for displaying a list of the obtained representative images for the respective image data units.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,377,518 (Auwens) fails to disclose, teach, or suggest displaying means for displaying a list of the obtained representative images for the respective image data units.

Page 5 of the Office Action asserts that Auwens discloses *displaying means for displaying a list of the obtained representative images for the respective image data units* (col. 7 lines 31-38).

Additionally, page 5 of the Office Action asserts that Auwens discloses representative images (VOBU).

In response, Auwens arguably discloses that for VMGI the number of chapters and for VTSI the number of chapters, a list of cell addresses, a *list of VOBUs addresses*, including Presentation Time Stamps (for VTS_TMAPT calculation), cell duration's and which cell belongs to which program (may be one-to-one) (Auwens at column 11, lines 60-64).

However, Auwens *fails* to disclose, teach, or suggest *displaying means for displaying the list of VOBUs addresses*.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Newly added claims

ii. Claims 15-25.

A. Claims 16-21 are dependent upon claim 15.

Claim 15 is drawn to an image-information display device comprising:

an attribute-information section configured to obtain an attribute file, said attribute file having attributes for content recorded on a storage medium;

a condition-searching section configured to select at least one attribute slot from said attribute file, a search condition being used to select said least one attribute slot;

an image-selecting section configured to select a thumbnail from a plurality of thumbnails, said thumbnail being linked to said least one attribute slot;

an image-reproducing section configured to reproduce image data from said storage medium, a portion of said content identified by said least one attribute slot being said image data.

Prior claims 7-10, which have been previously examined on the merits, are drawn to an image-information display device.

B. Claims 23-25 are dependent upon claim 22.

Claim 22 is drawn to an image-information displaying method comprising the steps of:

obtaining an attribute file, said attribute file having attributes for content recorded on a storage medium;

selecting at least one attribute slot from said attribute file, a search condition being used to select said least one attribute slot;

selecting a thumbnail from a plurality of thumbnails, said thumbnail being linked to said least one attribute slot;

reproducing image data from said storage medium, a portion of said content identified by said least one attribute slot being said image data.

Prior claim 12, which has been previously examined on the merits, is drawn to an image-information displaying method.

C. U.S. Patent No. 6,377,518 (Auwens) fails to disclose, teach, or suggest reproduced image data being a portion of the image information that is identifiable by least one attribute slot.

Auwens fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the presence of an attribute slot.

Thus, Auwens fails to disclose, teach, or suggest reproduced image data being a portion of the image information that is identifiable by least one attribute slot.

iii. Claims 26-41.

A. Claims 27-34 are dependent upon claim 26.

Claim 26 is drawn to an image-information recording device comprising:

an image-information obtaining section configured to obtain image information data from a storage medium, said image information data including an image-information file group and a management file;

an image-information storing section configured to store said image information data within image information memory, said image information data stored in said image information memory being obtained image information data;

an image-information recording section configured to record said obtained image information data, said obtained image information data being recorded onto said storage medium upon closure of a title.

Prior claims 1-6, which have been previously examined on the merits, are drawn to an image-information recording device.

B. Claims 36-41 are dependent upon claim 35.

Claim 35 is drawn to an image-information recording method comprising the steps of:

obtaining image information data from a storage medium, said image information data including an image-information file group and a management file;

storing said image information data within image information memory, said image information data stored in said image information memory being obtained image information data;

recording said obtained image information data, said obtained image information data being recorded onto said storage medium upon closure of a title.

Prior claim 11, which has been previously examined on the merits, is drawn to an image-information recording method.

C. U.S. Patent No. 6,377,518 (Auwens) fails to disclose, teach, or suggest obtained image information data being recorded onto a storage medium upon closure of a title.

Auwens is silent to the closure of a title.

Thus, Auwens fails to disclose, teach, or suggest obtained image information data being recorded onto a storage medium upon closure of a title.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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